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Newsletter #109:

What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

Greetings from Germany or shall I say "Einen schönen Gruss aus Deutschland". If you read my newsletters you might have noticed that I didn't send one last week. This was the second time since I started doing them that I skipped a week. I'm a multi-tasker, or at least try to be, but this last week was even difficult for someone with the best of intentions. So here is what is happening this upcoming!

Savoca 18th Blue Auction (March 31)

Savoca recently opened up a London office so they will be conducting several different auctions. If they run similar to their Munich headquarters it will likely be a silver and blue for Munich as well as London. Their 18th Blue auction which closes on March 31 is massive at 2,352 coins. You won't find the higher end quality coins in this auction but it isn't meant to function like that anyway. What is there is a breadth of material and lots of bronze coins that are typically missing from big ticket sales. A good place to find an obscure bronze that has been eluding you.

There are also nice low starting prices so the chances of getting a good deal is absolutely possible. No pedigrees so don't look here for that.

Obolos Web Auction 12 (March 31)

If you feel like conquering two auctions in one day, Obolos has their 12th web auction on March 31 with 1,028 coins. The sale starts off with a nice collection of 133 coins from the Yerets Kariatina collection. This group is comprised of the Kings of Sophene, Armenia and Commagene. All of the pieces are bronze and seldom come on the market. I noticed a few coins in the remainder of the sale that were quite important, lesser quality, but still worth taking a look at. There are plenty of gold coins on offer as well.

CNG E-Auction 441 (April 3)

CNG is offering 683 lots in their upcoming E-Auction 441. Included are some high quality pieces from the Mike Gasvoda collection (the new owner of CNG as of this last summer). Several more Michel Prieur Roman provincial silver coins are being offered as well. As always there are several levels of quality at different price points. Typically something for everyone is available at all collector levels.

Morton & Eden (Upcoming Live Auction May 2)

I had the opportunity to view the Morton & Eden sale which is upcoming in May. The sale is small but there are some nice opportunities within. I spoke with Tom Eden a bit about the collector and he primarily purchased in the 1960's. Some of the coins come with a known pedigree while others must be uncovered. For those interested in certain lots from the sale I would be happy to give feedback and viewing notes. I plan to phone bid this auction so please get in touch should you want to bid in the auction and need representation. Please inquire about my rates for this auction.

Here is a link to the catalog which can not be found on Sixbid or Numisbids:

<https://www.mortonandeden.com/upcoming/>

NAC and Nomos Auctions

NAC and Nomos will be conducting their auctions in the first week of May. I will be viewing and bidding live for these two auctions. I've just been given an early version of the catalog that I'm not able to pass out to everyone. The finalized paper catalogs should be ready soon and I can make them available for those that are interested in bidding. From what I have seen thus far there are a lot of lovely Greek and Roman coins coming up. Several have very old pedigrees. It should be an exciting but competitive sale.

AC Image Search

There is a really great new feature on AC Search. If you submit an image of your coin it will search its databases and find the coin immediately. I've tried it out for a few coins and was successful. The only downside is that it really only has coins from when auctions started to be available online. For early auctions it isn't yet possible. The cost is very little and when you have an account then I think you get 20 or so for free (at least I had 20 free). Here is the link to the image search:

<https://www.acsearch.info/howto.html>

Upcoming European Trips (April 29-May 8)

I'll be traveling to Zurich on April 29 to attend the NAC and Nomos auctions. I will also go a bit early so I can view the Leu and Hess Divo material that will happen towards the end of the month. Look in future newsletters for some advance commentary on the NAC auction.

Upcoming Trade Show - Central States Numismatic Society (April 24-27)

The CSNS will hold its annual trade show in Schaumburg, IL from April 24-27. I will set up at this show at booth 1802. Many of you know already that the Chicago coin bourse I helped put together in downtown Chicago is now being folded into the CSNS show. I'm hoping the bigger show will bring more folks to Illinois and reinvigorate a great but difficult show for many. If you are in the area or in a neighboring state you might consider coming in for the bourse. There are always great deals on the floor and meeting face to face with dealers is a wonderful thing.

Here are the show specifics:

<https://www.centralstatesnumismaticsociety.org/schedule-of-events>



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/world/japan-tempo-era-edo-tokyo-mint-1837-1858?rq=wc1042>

JAPAN, Tempo Era. Edo (Tokyo) mint, 1837-1858

AV Koban, 11.24g (31mm x 59mm). Elongated gold piece with several punch marks.

Price: \$2,100

The gold Koban is probably one of the prettiest coins ever made. The koban is an elongated piece of metal with Japanese characters punched into the surfaces. It was utilized starting in the 1600's. Prior to that, commerce was based largely on trade in rice otherwise known as koku. One koku was needed to feed a single person. This system worked until outside traders, the Portuguese, came and preferred another form of payment. One koban was equal to 3 koku of rice. Over time the koban began to be debased by the minting authorities and counterfeit koban began to circulate within the area. Surprisingly, the counterfeit koban had a higher purity of gold than the legitimate koban and merchants started to prefer those for payment. The koban was finally discontinued in 1868 during the Meiji restoration.

References: JNDA 09-21, KM-C22b

Grade: A charming example of this interesting type, featuring a wavy flan and the typical light scratches which are usually seen on the reverse of this type.

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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